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SUBJECT: CANADIAN CONCERNS OVER SECURITY FOR DIPLOMATS IN DUBLIN

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1. CANADIAN AMABASSADOR MORTON MADDICK CALLED AT EMBASSY YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY FOR DIPLOMATS IN IRELAND. REFERRING TO THE MARCH 6TH LETTER ABOUT CANADIAN INVESTMANTS MAILED TO HIM BY THE PROVISIONAL SIEN FEIN/IRA, AMBASSADOR MADDICK SAID THAT HIS SECURITY PEOPLE AND HE WERE TAKING THE IMPLIED THREATS IN THAT LETTER VERY SERIOUSLY (SEE DUBLIN 355 FOR A FULL ACCOUNT OF WHAT THIS LETTER CONTAINED). YESTERDAY MORNING, AN EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE INDIVIDUAL WITH STRONG REPUBLICAN LEANINGS HAD GOTTEN INTO THE EMBASSY (WHICH IS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR), AND AFTER CREATING CONSIDERABLE COMMOTION, HAD ONLY BEEN EVICTED WITH DIFFICULTY. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT, ON ANOTHER OCCASION, A NUMBER OF BRICKS AND PIECES OF METAL HAD BEEN HURLED AT HIS CAR IN DOWNTOWN DUBLIN, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTHOUGH THIS LATTER INCIDENT TURNED OUT TO BE IN NO WAY

CONNECTED WITH THE IRA, IT HAD STILL BROUGHT HOME TO HIM HIS OWN VULNERABILITY.

- 2. MADDICK EXPRESSED GRAVE DISSATISFACTION WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT TO MEET HIS REQUEST FOR MORE ASSISTANCE. HE ASKED WHAT OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN. WE RECALLED THE EXPERIENCE WE HAD HAD FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN TWO AMERICANN SAILORS WERE SHOT, AND WE HAD TO REPORT THAT OUR EXPERIENCE IN WORKING THROUGH THE IRISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAD NOT BEEN MUCH BETTER THAN HIS OWN. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LATER PROBLEMS, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE WE HAD MADE IT A POINT PERSONNALLY TO CULTIVATE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS WITHIN THE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES. WHEN IT WAS URGENT, WE WERE SOMETIMES ABLE TO GET THINGS DONE BY APPEALING DIRECTLY TO THEM.
- 3. AMBASSADOR MADDICK SAID THAT SINCE HE RECEIVED THE IRA'S LETTER SIX WEEKS AGO, HE HAS BEEN SPENDING OVER SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK FOR SPECIAL SECURITY GUARDS. HE IS HAVING A BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES INSTALLED, BOTH AT THE RESIDENCE AND AT THE EMBASSY. HE HOPES TO INSTALL TWO-WAY RADIOS IN HIS RESIDENCE, IN THE CHANCERY AND A NUMBER OF EMBASSY VEHICLES (ALTHOUGH HE HAS SO FAR HAD NO LUCK IN GETTING THE IRISH TO AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY RADIO FREQUENCY). HE IS PRUCHASING A JAGUAR AUTOMOBILE WITH BULLETPROOF NYLON LINING IN THE DOORS AND BODY. FINALLY, HIS SECURITY PEOPLE ARE CONSTRUCTING A SPECIAL "SAFEHAVEN AREA" WITHIN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE.
- 4. MADDICK ASKED WHAT WE WERE DOING, AND WE TOLD HIM. HE ASKED HOW WE ASSESSED THE SECURITY SITUATION AND WE REPLIED THAT WE THOUGHT IT WOLD BE FOOLHARDY FOR THE IRA TO ATTACK AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IF THERE WERE ANY TRUTH TO THE ASSERTION THAT A GOOD PORTION OF THE MONEY THAT GOES TO THE IRA IS RAISED IN THE UNITED STATES. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CONSIDERED THAT, HAVING HAD TWO SAILORS SHOT, HAVING SEEN THE BRITISH EMBASSY BURNED AND THE GERMAN EMBASSY BOMBED, AND IN LIGHT OF NI VIOLENCE, WE SAW SOME REASON FOR CONCERN ABOUT FURTHER VIOLENCE.

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5. AMBASSADOR MADDICK SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US WITH A VIEW TO KEEPING MUTUALLY INFORMED AND WE AGREED.

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